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Special Events Grant Program Funds Available

Helena – October 5, 2005 – Montana communities, organizations and tribal governments sponsoring or planning new annual events are invited to apply for \$50,000 in state tourism “bed tax” grant funds available from the Montana Department of Commerce, Travel Montana Special Events Grant Program (SEGP). The SEGP application deadline is January 13, 2006.

Events or festivals established prior to May 30, 2003 are not eligible for funding under the program. Grants will be awarded based on a 3-tier approach that ranks counties on the basis of lowest per capita income, slowest population growth and highest unemployment. The grants are designed to be matching funds for non-profit organizations involved in developing new annual events.

For more information about the SEGP, or to request an application, contact Travel Montana, 406-841-2870. SEGP application materials can be downloaded from Travel Montana’s Intranet site: **travelmontana.mt.gov**.

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